

DESCRIPTION OF TRAILS

- 1. EASY ACCESS TRAIL: EASY — 0.4 mile. This paved loop is in the Frances Slocum Picnic Area. A brochure is available at the property office.
- 2. LOST SISTER TRAIL: MODERATE — 2.5 miles. This moderate, self-guided loop trail winds through mature woods with excellent wildflowers in spring. A self-guided brochure is available at the property office.
- 3. BLUE HERON TRAIL: MODERATE — 2.5 miles. This loop trail travels moderate terrain, is located in the Miami S.R.A. and includes several scenic views of the lake and dam. A self guided brochure is available at the property office.
- 4. MOSWA TRAIL: MODERATE — 1.5 miles. This loop trail crosses meadows, follows Troyer’s Creek, and includes a spur through woods to a pond.
- 5. SHEPOCONNAH TRAIL: MODERATE — 2.5 miles. This trail begins behind the modern campground, has three loops (0.5-1 miles) that wander through open meadows and young forest. Look for deer, nesting birds and summer wildflowers. *Loops 2 and 3 are located in hunting areas, **Hunter Orange** clothing is recommended during hunting season.*
- 6. WILDLIFE AREA HIKING — Parking lots are provided near many areas, and access lanes provide paths. For more information, contact the property office. *Hunting is allowed in many of these areas in season. **Hunter Orange** clothing is recommended.*

PLEASE STAY ON MARKED TRAILS!

Please let wild animals remain wild. Feeding deer is prohibited. Feeding of wild animals can result in harm to both animals and people. Animals who depend on handouts become a nuisance to visitors and a danger to themselves. Please lock up all food and coolers inside cars or campers. Roll car windows up tightly.

ACTIVITIES AND FACILITIES

BEACH — A swimming beach located in the Miami S.R.A. Changing rooms, showers and restrooms are available. No alcohol is permitted at the beach or in the beach picnic areas.

BOAT RAMPS — Launching ramps and adjacent parking lots are located in each recreation area. A daily or annual permit is required if an attendant is on duty.

CAMPING — Miami S.R.A. has modern campgrounds with hot showers and flush toilets. Class AA (sewage, water and electric hookups), Class A (electric hookups) and Class B sites (no electricity). Two playgrounds, horseshoes, volleyball, basketball, and 18-hole disc golf course and interpretive programs will entertain you. Some sites are reservable on holiday weekends. All sites are first come-first serve at other times. A mooring area is provided for boats, but it is not adjacent to the campsites. A primitive campground is also located within the Miami S.R.A. (pit toilets, no electricity)

FISHING — Largemouth bass, bluegill, catfish, crappie, walleye can be caught in the lake. Fishing piers are located within the Miami S.R.A. which provide summer access to the lake. State license required and available at lake office.

HIKING — Marked trails are available all year.

HUNTING — All hunters are required by law to sign in and return a hunting permit card to a hunter sign-in station. Hunting is allowed in designated wildlife areas in season. No hunting is permitted within areas marked as safety zones, seasonal refuges, or restricted areas.

INTERPRETIVE NATURALIST SERVICE — Programs are presented in the summer at the Miami Modern Campground. With the cooperation from Salamonie and Huntington Lake’s staff, programs are presented other times throughout the year.

PICNIC AREAS and SHELTERS — Both the Miami and Frances Slocum S.R.A. provide shady and scenic views of the lake with access to picnic tables, grills and water. There are two shelters in the Miami S.R.A. and one shelter in the Frances Slocum S.R.A.

THIS IS YOUR LAKE

All visitors are expected to observe DNR property regulations which are designed to protect your property for future generations. Highlights of these regulations are listed below.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

- A person must not conduct or participate in a fishing tournament on a reservoir property administered by the division of state parks and reservoirs except under a license.
- A person must not launch, dock, or moor a watercraft or another floating device, except for approved periods and at sites designated by the department for those purposes. A watercraft shall not be left unattended in a courtesy dock.
- Any firearm, BB gun, air gun, CO₂ gun, bow and arrow must be unloaded or un-nocked and stored in a case or locked within a vehicle except in accordance with the terms of a one (1) day hunting permit and record card obtained from a hunter sign-in station and possessed by the person in the field for a specified date.
- A person who possesses a pet must keep the animal caged or on a leash no more than six feet and attended at all times.
- There shall be no vending or advertising without permission of the Department of Natural Resources.
- Camping is permitted only in the campground. Youth groups must be under adult supervision.
- Fires shall be built only in places provided.
- Please comply with the Carry In/Carry Out trash policy in all day use areas. Overnight guests must put waste in receptacles provided for that purpose.
- Motorists will observe speed limits as posted, and park in designated areas. 30 m.p.h. maximum.
- A person must not possess or consume an alcoholic beverage at a swimming beach.
- Drinking water should be taken only from pumps, hydrants or fountains provided for that purpose. This water is tested regularly for purity.
- Report lost or found articles to the property office.
- Feeding of wildlife is prohibited.
- Use of metal detectors requires a special permit.
- Vehicles must operate on mapped roads only.

For a complete list of rules and regulations inquire at property office.



Please carry out all trash you produce in order to keep your lake clean and beautiful for others to enjoy!

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Write: Mississinewa Lake
R.R. 1, Box 194
Peru, Indiana 46970
Call: (765) 473-6528



Indiana Department of Natural Resources

SPECIAL NOTE

Receipts from admission and service charges are used to help defray the operation and maintenance costs of the lake. List of fees available in the lake office.

The Programs, services, facilities, and activities of the Indiana Department of Natural Resources are available to everyone. DNR prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, sex, or disability. If you believe that you have been discriminated against in any program, activity, or facility as described above, or if you desire further information please write to: Department of Natural Resources, Executive Office, 402 W. Washington Street, Room W256, Indianapolis, IN 46204, (317) 232-4020.

INDIANA

MISSISSINEWA LAKE

Located seven miles southeast of Peru in north central Indiana on the Mississinewa River, Mississinewa Lake is located on State Road 13 and is accessible from U.S. 31 on the west and State Road 15 on the east.

Mississinewa Lake was designed and built by the Louisville District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The lake operates as a unit with Huntington and Salamonie Lakes to reduce flood stages in the Upper Wabash Basin and with other lakes downstream in reduction of Lower Wabash and Ohio River floods.

This map will acquaint you with the lake’s two most-used recreation areas: the Miami and Frances Slocum State Recreation Areas (S.R.A.). The entire property includes two other recreation areas, several small boat launch sites and over 9,000 acres of land managed for wildlife.

HISTORY AND POINTS OF INTEREST

Through the ages, the rushing waters of what is now known as the “Mississinewa” (Miami Indian name Mischis-in-wah... water on a slope) washed away the soft limestone of the riverbank creating a number of pillar-like formations known as “Cliffs of the Seven Pillars.” This wonder of nature may be viewed from the riverbank - reached via a footpath from the Frances Slocum Trail.

In 1817, Chief Francis Godfroy (Godfroï), son of a French trader of noble ancestry, established a trading post on the Wabash River (derived from Wa-bash-ee- meaning white stone) near the mouth of the Mississinewa River which he named “Mount Pleasant.” This became the greatest trading post in Miami Indian history and was known throughout Northern Indiana. Remnants of lands granted to Godfroy by Treaty have never been out of Indian ownership.

The “Frances Slocum Trail” was named in honor of a white woman raised by the Indians. On November 2, 1778, Frances, at the age of five, was taken from her Quaker home at Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania, by the Delaware Indians who named her “We-let-a-wah.” She grew up to be so strong that her name was later changed to “Ma-con-a-quah” - Little Bear Woman. She married Shepoconnah, War Chief, and when he later became deaf and resigned as chief, they established a trading post called “Deaf Man’s Village” about nine miles above Peru on the Mississinewa River. These wealthy Indians had a standard of living that far exceeded that of the early white man in the same area. Deaf Man’s Village became a social center for the white men and Indians. Deaf Man died in 1833 and Frances built a two-room cabin across the road, next to the burial place of her husband and two small sons. Frances Slocum’s identification was not learned until September 1837 when her brother, Issac Slocum, identified her by a scar on her left hand. As a result she was no longer eligible, as an Indian, for the pension made possible by the Treaty of 1826 since she was a “white woman.” In 1838 her two daughters were given 640 acres of land, including their mother’s original homesite. Frances and her family were permitted to stay in Indiana because John Quincy Adams eloquently defended her case in Congress. She died on March 9, 1847 and was buried next to her husband and two small sons in the cemetery next to her cabin. In May 1900, it was named the “Frances Slocum Cemetery.” The site of the present Cemetery and Memorial is indicated on the map side of the brochure.